

**REMARKS**

Claims in the case are 1-10, 15 and 16. No claims have been amended, no claims have been added, and no claims have been cancelled herein.

Included herewith is an appendix containing three Terminal Disclaimers relative to copending and commonly assigned United States Patent Application numbers: 10/006,514; 10/168,422; and 10/220,591.

Claims 1-10, 15 and 16 stand provisionally rejected under the judiciously created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-22 of copending and commonly assigned United States Patent Application No. 10/006,514 (Attorney Docket No. Mo6622 / LeA 34,095), United States Patent Application Publication No. U.S. 2002/0115759 A1 (Eckel et al). This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the following remarks.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith in the appendix relative to Eckel et al. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer relative to Eckel et al, the present provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is deemed to be obviated. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this provisional rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 15 and 16 stand provisionally rejected under the judiciously created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of copending and commonly assigned United States Patent Application No. 10/168,422 (Attorney Docket No. Mo-7242 / LeA 33,975), United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0083419 A1 (Seidel '419). This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the following remarks.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith in the appendix relative to Seidel '419. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer relative to Seidel '419, the present provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is deemed to be obviated. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this provisional rejection is respectfully requested.


Claims 1-10, 15 and 16 stand provisionally rejected under the judiciously created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 copending and commonly assigned United States Patent Application No. 10/220,591 (Attorney Docket No. Mo7393 / LeA 34,335), United States Patent Mo6992

Application Publication No. US2003/0092805 A1 (Seidel '805). This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the following remarks.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith in the appendix relative to Seidel '805. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer relative to Seidel '805, the present provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is deemed to be obviated. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this provisional rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants note the withdrawal of all other rejections by the Examiner in the present application as stated on page 3 of the Office Action of March 2, 2004. In light of the Terminal Disclaimers included herewith and discussed previously herein, and no further rejections standing against their claims, Applicants respectfully submit that all of their presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance by the Office at an early date is respectfully requested.

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